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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Young, Clark, Duenwald, Earley, Garnos, Koskan, and Wilson
and Senators Madden, Vitter, and Whiting

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 an amendment to Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,
3 relating to legislative terms and legislative term limits.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 SOUTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
7 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2
8 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state
9 for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 6. The terms of office of the members of the ~~Legislature~~ senate shall be four years and the
13 terms of office of the members of the house of representatives shall be two years; ~~they~~.
14 Legislators shall receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of
15 article XXI of this Constitution, and ~~five cents for every mile of~~ mileage for necessary travel in
16 going to and returning from the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.

1 No person may serve more than ~~four~~ three consecutive terms or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve
2 consecutive years in the senate, whichever is longer, and more than ~~four~~ six consecutive terms
3 or a total of ~~eight~~ twelve consecutive years in the house of representatives, whichever is longer.
4 However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed
5 or to legislative service before January 1, 1993.

6 At the primary and general elections in the year 2002, the Legislature shall provide for the
7 election of one senator from each district to a four-year term and two representatives from each
8 district to two-year terms. Any person who has served eight consecutive years in either house
9 immediately prior to the primary and general elections in the year 2002 is ineligible to stand for
10 election to the same house in the year 2002.

11 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each odd-numbered year and shall not
12 exceed forty legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays, and legislative recess, except in cases
13 of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except
14 salary and mileage.

15 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each even-numbered year beginning with
16 the year 1964 and shall not exceed thirty-five legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays, and
17 legislative recess, except in cases of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive
18 no other pay or perquisites except salary and mileage.